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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in response to the office action mailed on October 18, 2004. No claims have been amended, and claims 1-25 are currently pending. In view of the following remarks, the applicant respectfully requests advancement of this application to allowance.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected as being anticipated by Estes et al. (US 2003/0114836). The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

1. Claims 1-7 and 9-11

The office action cites three new passages in maintaining this rejection. However, these passages still do not teach the claimed method and apparatus for generating a table on the computer, entering an operating parameter into at least one of the cells, and downloading the operating parameters into the pump.

For example, page 6, paragraph 60, lines 6-8 of Estes teaches, "The event markers can be logged into the pump and stored for later downloading or entered directly into the running software program." This passage teaches downloading from a pump to a PC